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NATIONAL SITUATION REPORT

The contents of this report must be written in the most concise manner possible. The first two items should be considered as conclusions; each one occupying not more than one page of the report.

The significant situations presented under the four remaining sections, must be carefully selected for the purpose of giving credence to the conclusions reached. Normally not more than one page should be devoted to each section.

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ESTIMATE OF STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS AFFECTING U.S. SECURITY

This should include:

1. General appraisal of the War Potential.
2. Identification of the Grand Strategy.
3. Progress toward achievement of National objectives.
4. Factors of Foreign Policy.

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PROBABLE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AFFECTING U.S. SECURITY

This should include:

1. Trends of changes in war potential.
2. Factors that might affect a change in foreign policy.
3. Internal developments affecting national policy.

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I. POLITICAL SITUATION:

Should give consideration to such items as:

1. General attitude of public toward existing government.
2. Situation with regard to freedom of speech, assembly and press.
3. Current political issues.
4. Significant changes in party strengths.
5. Attitude of public toward foreign countries.
6. Stability of present government.
7. Susceptibility of present government to change by the attitude of the U.S. - other foreign powers.
8. Reaction of nationals to propaganda concerning foreign powers.

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II. ECONOMIC SITUATION:

Should give consideration to such items as:

1. Any significant shifting or relocation of labor population.
2. New developments in methods or technique of mining, agriculture or manufacturing.
3. Status of proven reserves of natural resources.
4. Exports and imports.
5. Development of transportation and communications facilities, ground, sea and air.
6. Current situation regarding prices and currency.
7. Allocation of budget.
8. Adequacy of food supply.

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III. FOREIGN AFFAIRS SITUATION:

Should give consideration to such items as:

1. Trade agreements with other countries.

2. Other pacts or agreements with other countries.

3. Characteristics of foreign trade such as channeling and trade balances.

4. Objectives of foreign policy vis-a-vis the U.S. directly or indirectly.

5. Foreign propaganda theme and trend.

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IV. MILITARY SITUATION:

Should give consideration to such items as:

1. Distribution of manpower and/or industrial effort to ground, sea and air forces.

2. Significant disposition of armed forces.

3. Development of weapons. Trends as to types, capabilities and numbers.

4. Indications of development of new organizations within or without the armed forces.

5. Morale of the armed forces.

6. Mobilization capabilities with regard to manpower, equipment, and logistic support.

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